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MAN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED ROBBERY OF ABD FEDERAL CREDIT UNION IN BELVIDERE

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, together with ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, DUANE E. WIRTH, Boone County Sheriff, and SAM LATHROP, Chief of the Beloit, Wisconsin Police Department, today made the following announcement:

Today, **ROGER A. BIEL**, 46, was charged with the attempted robbery of the ABD Federal Credit Union located at 3204 Business Route 20, in Belvidere, on February 3, 2009. A complaint filed today in federal court in Rockford alleges that on February 3, 2009, at approximately 5:15 p.m., Biel entered the ABD Federal Credit Union. According to the complaint, Biel, armed with what appeared to be a gun, demanded money from one of the tellers. That teller, the complaint states, dropped to the floor and then ran into another room in the credit union. As charged in the complaint, Biel then pointed his gun at a second teller and said that the first teller should not have fled. Biel left the credit union and drove away. The complaint states that Biel was arrested last night in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Biel appeared today by videoconference before United States Magistrate Judge Morton Denlow and was ordered to be detained without bond pending a detention hearing and preliminary examination. That hearing and examination is set for February 9, 2009, at 11:15 a.m. before United States Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney.

The charge contained in the complaint carries a maximum possible sentence of 20 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000, and 3 years of supervised release. The actual sentence would be determined by the United States District Court, guided by the federal Sentencing Guidelines and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

This case was jointly investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Boone County Sheriff's Department, with the assistance of the Beloit Police Department. The case in federal court will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney JOHN G. McKENZIE. Members of the public are reminded that a complaint is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is entitled to indictment by a federal grand jury and a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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